



## Media Advisory

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## MEDIA ADVISORY: High-Speed Rail to Host First Ever #Iwillride Student Symposium and High-Speed Rail Construction Tour

**SACRAMENTO, Calif.** – On Friday, April 28, 2017, the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority) will host the first ever **All Aboard: #Iwillride Student Symposium and High-Speed Rail Construction Tour** at Bitwise Industries in Fresno. This free event is open to California undergraduate and graduate students with a vision for the future that involves transforming travel within our state, broadening the workforce of tomorrow and taking tourism to the next level.

Students will have the opportunity to talk face to face with the people behind the program, hear directly from leaders of the Authority and local officials, as well as #Iwillride alumni who are now working to shape the future of transportation in California.

**WHAT:** All Aboard: #Iwillride Student Symposium and High-Speed Rail Construction Tour  
Event program available here - [http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/newsroom/Program\\_IWREvent.pdf](http://www.hsr.ca.gov/docs/newsroom/Program_IWREvent.pdf)

**WHO:** **Scheduled speakers include:**

- Tom Richards, Vice Chair, Board of Directors, California High-Speed Rail Authority
- Jeff Morales, CEO, California High-Speed Rail Authority
- Dr. Joaquin Arambula, Assembly Member, Fresno
- Oliver Baines, Fresno City Council
- Aaron Blair, Chief Executive Officer, Fresno Downtown Partnership
- Lee Ann Eager, President & CEO, Fresno County Economic Development Corporation
- Chuck Riojas, Executive Secretary & Treasurer, Building and Construction Trades Council in Fresno, Madera, Kings and Tulare Counties
- Aaron Pankratz, Instructor of Economics, Fresno Community College #Iwillride Chapter Adviser
- Bianca Rodriguez, Engineer, Parsons Corporation & #Iwillride alumni
- Michael Lomio, Government Relations Associate, Silicon Valley Leadership Group & #Iwillride alumni
- Ryan Lynch, Campus to Congress Fellow, Center for Environmental Policy & #Iwillride alumni

**WHEN:** Friday, April 28, 2017  
10:00 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Symposium  
1:30 p.m. – 4:30 p.m. Construction Tour

**WHERE:** Bitwise Industries  
700 Van Ness Ave.  
Fresno, CA 93721

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